

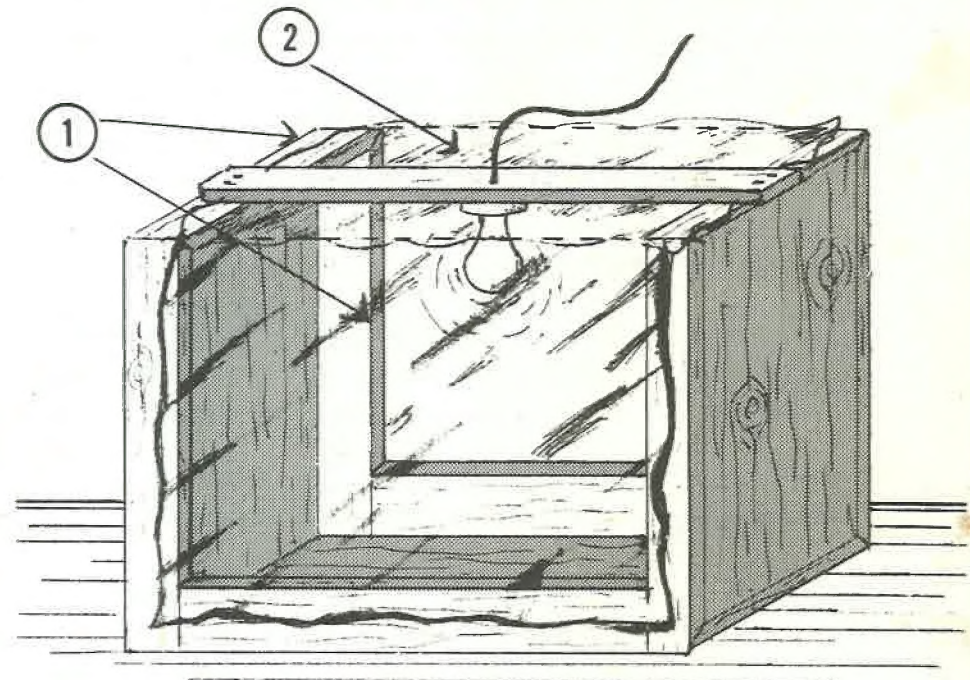
POTTING POT

After selecting the seeds, you should decide in what type of container you will start the plants. A planter's flax box is good, or a wooden cherry crate, or pots, pans, pails, an old bathtub – in fact, anything that will hold eight inches of soil is adequate. The roots and branch roots of cannabis are diversified, but the general order is that of a major root boring straight down into the soil. This major root is usually 1/10 the length of the stalk. Numerous branch roots grow out from the major root to anchor the plant firmly. Because you should be transplanting in a few weeks, 8 inches of soil will suffice.

A GERMINATING BOX is ideal because the plants can be provided with a tropical-type atmosphere, which is conducive to germinating the seeds, and the box can be easily constructed at a minimal cost. Go to your local supermarket and obtain an apple, orange or similar wooden box. Cut away one side, leaving the opposite side, the bottom, and the two ends intact.

Next nail a little strip of wood across the top of the box in the center of the two ends and attach a lightbulb fixture with a 60-watt bulb to the center of the wooden strip. Whenever working with artificial light, always suspend the bulb vertically so that the plants will receive the full exposure of the light. At no time should the light be closer than 14 inches from the plants and as the plants start to grow, raise the light accordingly.

Next cover the back and two ends inside with aluminum foil so that the light will be reflected, enabling the plants to pick up additional rays. Cover the top with clear plastic (builders vinyl is good) so as to enable you to observe the plants' progress. Cover the open front with a flap of aluminum foil for access to the plants.



GERMINATING BOX

- ① FOIL - both sides
- ② CLEAR PLASTIC - top